

Interview Summary

Application No.

10/070,784

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

TISHA D. LEWIS

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) TISHA D. LEWIS.

(3) _____.

(2) John F. Hoffman.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 13 February 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 18-20.

Identification of prior art discussed: n/a.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner contacted representative for applicant to request permission for an examiner's amendment to correct a typographical error in claim 5, reduce the number of words under 150 in the abstract and correct a lack of antecedent basis for a limitation in claims 18-20, the representative gave permission for the amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required



DETAILED ACTION

The following is a response to the amendment received on January 12, 2004 which has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

-The drawings received on January 12, 2004 are approved.

-The objection to the specification has been withdrawn due to the amendment correcting the content of the disclosure as indicated in the office action mailed on July 23, 2003.

-The objection to claims 1, 8 and 18-20 has been withdrawn due to the amendment correcting the content of the claims as indicated in the office action mailed on July 23, 2003.

-The 112 2nd rejection of claims 2, 4-7, 15, 16, 19 and 20 has been withdrawn due to the amendment amending the claims to clarify the limitations supported by the disclosure and eliminating lack of antecedent basis as indicated in the office action mailed on July 23, 2003.

-The 102(b) rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 10-12 and 14-20 has been withdrawn due to the amendment amending claim 1 over the prior art used in the rejection (Eichinger '262').

-The 103(a) rejection of claim 13 has been withdrawn due to the withdrawal of the 102(b) rejection above.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John F. Hoffman on February 13, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

-In the abstract, line 9, "In order to realize a short overall length of the transmission unit," has been deleted and "the" has been changed to --The--.

-In the abstract, lines 10 and 11, "which is part of the basic transmission unit" has been deleted.

-In the claim 5, line 6, "propositioned" has been changed to --positioned--.

-In the claims 18-20, lines 3 and 4, "the epicyclic gear train" has been changed to --a epicyclic gear train--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious a motivation to provide for:

-a transmission unit having a transmission basic unit situated between an input shaft and an output shaft which is connected to an angular drive with a first bevel gear and a second bevel gear which is solidly connected to the output shaft indirectly

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wherein the first bevel gear and a transmission element of the transmission basic unit have a direct and solid connection without a separate connecting shaft and are located in immediate proximity to each other, the solid connection consisting essentially of complementary driving elements which may be brought to bear against each other on the transmission element and the first bevel gear.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 703-305-0921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 8 AM TO 3 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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